

Lamoine Conservation Commission-July

Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2014

Members Present: Larry Libby, Chair; David Legere, Carol Korty, Doug Stewart, Anne LaBossiere

Alternates Present: Nancy Pochan, Linda Penkalski

Others in Attendance: Kathleen Rybarz, Larissa Thomas

Meeting was convened at Lamoine Town Hall by Chm. Libby @ 7:05 pm.

Topics Discussed:

1. Concerns from [Select Board](#) and/or [Planning Board](#)

David Legere was recently appointed as an alternate to the Planning Board and will be able to be our liaison to that board on a regular basis.

2. LCC Membership

The status of our current membership was discussed with the possibility of some upcoming changes mentioned. Carol Korty may move off the board at the end of the summer. Nancy Pochan is exploring the possibility of moving from an alternate to an associate membership. Linda Penkalski would be interested in moving from an alternate member to a member. Larissa Thomas attended our meeting to help inform her decision of whether or not to submit her name for consideration as a future commission member.

3. Trail Project

All the paperwork connected to this project has been officially signed and we're ready to go forward. Larry Libby brought us up to date on some of the first steps. The town office will keep track of all the records pertaining to the project but will need to have the raw data provided to them. Since the parking lot project will cost less than \$5,000, we do not have to put the construction out to bid. We have

already received two estimates that were part of the proposal process. David Legere requested a chance to present the opportunity to submit an estimate to a couple more people. The criteria used in the selection process would include availability to do the job, capacity to do the tree removal on the parking lot site and the total cost.

4. Groundwater Quality Proposal

Larry Libby provided copies of draft # 5. He opened the discussion by saying that we need to be aware that there are several other factors that might affect water quality besides gravel pits. Pesticides and fertilizers used on gardens and lawns may have a negative impact on the town's water quality as might other businesses in the town. There was more discussion on how we might obtain "in kind" contributions to help meet our match requirements. We also talked about obtaining permission to test wells as a part of the proposal. All agreed that it would be helpful to have Willem Brutsaert come in to talk with Mike Jordan re: the depth and location of these test wells.

5. Nancy Pochan reminded us of the connection between the maintenance of good drinking water and the test wells being for the whole community.

6. [LCC ordinance](#) and implications

There was much discussion on this which will most likely be continued at a future date. The ordinance does allow the LCC, "along with the municipal officers, to appoint non-voting associate members to the commission to assist it in its work." As we thought about how best to fulfill our duties as a commission made up of volunteers, we discussed pursuing the possibility of appointing, with municipal officers, a few associate members. Before moving off in new directions, we need to get the trail project underway and finalize the application process for the groundwater quality proposal.

7. Invasive Plants in Lamoine

Kathleen Rybarz outlined her ideas to form an action committee concerned about invasive plants in Lamoine. Her primary target is Loosestrife which is very

detrimental to the other plants and animals who live in or near wetlands. Kathleen will be checking in with Stu M. to see if she could submit an article for inclusion in the fall **Lamoine Quarterly**. She asked for and obtained the LCC's verbal support of her proposal. When asked if she would be interested in being considered for appointment as an associate member to LCC, she said this would be of interest to her.

Motions and Outcomes:

The minutes of the June 11th meeting were approved.

Follow-up Actions and Who Will Do Them:

1. Trail Project

- a. David Legere will check with the Simons re: what they want done with the trees that will be cut down on the parking lot site.
- b. David Legere will check with a few more people to see if they are interested in submitting an estimate for developing the parking lot.
- c. Larry Libby will be the gatherer of the data for activities related to the trail project and turn them in to Stu. Data must be submitted to Larry in writing and with receipts, if applicable.
- d. Anne LaBossiere will write brief notes to those who wrote letters of support re: our grant application to inform them of our receipt of the grant.
- e. David Legere will arrange with Tom Sidar of Frenchman Bay Conservancy to pick up materials for bog bridging. Dave needs help with loading and unloading these materials, and building the bridges. LCC members are urged to volunteer their help as part of the project match. Dave will be in touch.

2. Groundwater Quality Proposal

- a. Willem Brutsaert, Larry and Carol will meet to prepare materials to present to the Select Board.

b. The materials prepared by Willem, Carol and Larry will be given to Stu to be put in the packets given to Select Board members prior to their meeting of July 17.

c. Carol Kerty will attend the Select Board meeting of July 17 to discuss the Groundwater Quality Proposal and seek their approval to proceed with the application.

3. Consider addressing the unfinished agenda items of this meeting at our August meeting.

These include recycling in Lamoine; shoreline clean-up; archive procedures.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Minutes taken by Anne LaBossiere, Secretary and approved on ____.